

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A water-soluble composition for removing petroleum residue from a substrate, said composition comprising:
 - (a) from about 10% to about 60% by weight of an aromatic ester;
 - (b) from about 30% to about 60% by weight of an aliphatic ester;
 - (c) from 0% to about 15% by weight of a co-solvent;
 - (d) from 0% to about 10% by weight of one of a cyclic terpene and a terpenoid;
 - (e) from 0% to about 1% by weight of an odor-masking agent; and
 - (f) from 0% to about 20% by weight of a nonionic surfactant.
2. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic ester comprises a benzoic acid ester.
3. (Original) The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the benzoic acid ester comprises an alkylated benzoic acid ester.
4. (Original) The composition according to Claim 3, wherein the alkylated benzoic acid ester is selected from the group consisting of methyl benzoic acid ester, ethyl benzoic acid ester, n-propyl benzoic acid ester, isobutyl benzoic acid ester, n-butyl benzoic acid ester, tert-butyl benzoic acid ester, isomers of pentyl benzoic acid ester, isopropyl benzoic acid ester, and combinations thereof.
5. (Original) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the alkylated benzoic acid ester comprises isopropyl benzoic acid ester.
6. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 50% by weight of an aromatic ester.
7. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 40% by weight of an aromatic ester.
8. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aliphatic ester comprises a fatty acid alkyl ester.
9. (Original) The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the fatty acid alkyl ester comprises a fatty acid methyl ester.

10. (Original) The composition according to Claim 9, wherein the fatty acid methyl ester comprises biodiesel.

11. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the cyclic terpene comprises d-limonene.

12. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 50% by weight of an aliphatic ester.

13. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 40% by weight of an aliphatic ester.

14. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the co-solvent comprises a hydrotrope.

15. (Original) The composition according to Claim 14, wherein the hydrotrope comprises a diethylene glycol ether.

16. (Original) The composition according to Claim 15, wherein the diethylene glycol ether comprises butyl carbitol.

17. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 10% by weight of a co-solvent.

18. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the odor-masking agent comprises a fragrance.

19. (Original) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein the fragrance comprises a lemon tart fragrance.

20. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 0.1% by weight of an odor-masking agent.

21. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant comprises an alkoxylated triglyceride.

22. (Original) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the alkoxylated triglyceride comprises an ethoxyxylated Castor oil.

23. (Original) The composition according to Claim 22, wherein the ethoxyxylated Castor oil comprises polyoxyethylene (20) castor oil (ether, ester).

24. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant comprises an alkoxylated amide.

25. (Original) The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the alkoxylated amide comprises an alkoxylated hydrogenated tallow amide.

26. (Original) The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the alkoxylated hydrogenated tallow amide comprises a polyoxyethylene (13) hydrogenated tallowalkylamide.

27. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 0.4% of a nonionic surfactant.

28. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least about 0.8% of a nonionic surfactant.

29. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises about 50% by weight of an aromatic ester; about 40% by weight of an aliphatic ester; about 10% by weight of a co-solvent; and about 0.1% by weight of an odor-masking agent.

30. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises about 40% by weight of an aromatic ester; about 50% by weight of an aliphatic ester; about 10% by weight of a co-solvent; and about 0.1% by weight of an odor-masking agent.

31. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises about 40% by weight of an aromatic ester; about 50% by weight of an aliphatic ester; about 10% by weight of a co-solvent; about 0.1% by weight of an odor-masking agent; and about 0.4% by weight of a nonionic surfactant.

32. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises about 40% by weight of an aromatic ester; about 50% by weight of an aliphatic ester; about 10% by weight of a co-solvent; about 0.1% by weight of an odor-masking agent; and about 0.8% by weight of a nonionic surfactant.

33. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises water.

34. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises an aqueous solution.

35. (Original) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said composition comprises at least about a 10% aqueous solution.

36. (Original) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said composition comprises at least about a 20% aqueous solution.

37. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a non-toxic substance.

38. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a biodegradable substance.

39. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition contains no detectable volatile organic compounds (VOC's) according to EPA Method 8260B Volatile Organic Compounds by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS).

40. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition has a flash point (closed cup) greater than about 60°C.

41. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is essentially free of chlorinated solvents, caustics, or acids.

42. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition has a pH of about 7.

43. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is as least as efficient as diesel fuel for removing petroleum residue from a substrate.

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